

Luang Prabang
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Dear Folks,

I am still running back and forth between here and Vientiane. Two weeks ago, I spent three days in Vientiane working on the construction schedule for the school and getting it ready to submit it to the program office so the money will be budgeted for 'isical year '68. While I was in Vientiane I found out that our electricity project would start in about two weeks. After sending in hundreds of memos and several years later, we are finally getting it. The students won't know what to do with decent lights for a change. We will probably have to buy them sun glasses until they get adjusted to it.

Some time back you mentioned something about suggesting some projects that people in Kingman could work on. I know that I made several suggestions at that time and just within the last week, I became aware of another project that somebody might be interested in, and that is helping send two scouts from Luang Prabang to the National Scout Jamboree in California in July. I am not sure how much it will take, but maybe Perry Hundly are somebody that has been to the Jamboree would know. The money involved would cover their meals and miscellaneous spending, which, just guessing would run somewhere between 150 and 200 dollars. Everybody knows that this amount could easily be raised in the states by working at various projects, but this is not true in Laos. About the only sure way of raising money is holding a lottery, which I am not sure the scouts can hold. In any event, I know both people involved and think they are worthy of trip and would be very thankful for any donations that might be forth-coming. I would also like to add that they know nothing of this effort on my part. I know of the problem because I was talking to one of the girl scouts the other day and she mentioned that it would be difficult to find anybody in Luang Prabang that would have enough money to make the trip.

I am still suffering from an over-eating disease. I am getting to the point that I am afraid to walk near a set of scales. The cause of all of this is several parties and several visitors. Seems like when I go to the cafes with the visitors, I usually end up eating with them rather than stick with my usual bowl of chinese soup. Just guessing, I would probably push the scales up to 190 lbs., without too much trouble.

Last week, I happened to be at the airport and witnessed a rather bad airplane wreck. The pilot was attempting to loop a T-28 fighter and didn't have enough altitude to complete the loop. As a result the wreckage was scattered over about 250 yards of the runway. The pilot was killed instantly and about three people working on the runway were injured.

What is Steve doing now? Has he decided what he is going to do or is he just waiting to take his physical?

According to some of the papers that I have been getting, it sounds like you have been getting some cold weather lately. At times, I wish I could say the same about the weather here. It is just starting the hot season and we have had about two weeks of hot sticky days. So far this morning, it is quite pleasant.

How is Aunt Worthy? I hope that she is recovering from the operation and getting along ok. Please give my best wishes for a speedy recovery.

I have been playing quite a lot of tennis on weekends. Last week, I played with the Luang Prabang tennis team in a match with Sayaboury. I played with one of the French Lecee students and we won our match by scores of 6-2, 6-3. I also played a lot of tennis while I was in Vientiane two weeks ago. I played softball on Sunday afternoon and then played tennis every evening after work. We would start about 5:30 and play till about 7:30, then go home and eat.

Well I will close for now. If anybody is interested in giving some money to the scouts please let me know, because if they are able to go they will have to start getting shots, passports and everything else that it takes for international travel.

Love,

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